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TO : Chief/Basic School

DATE: 7 February 1956

FROM : Chief/Orientation and Briefing

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the Period  
31 January to 7 February 1956

1. a. The CIA Introduction was conducted on 2 February 1956, with an audience composed of 80 CIA employees.

b. Audience evaluation: Far above the average of recent groups - very splendid audience.

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c. [ ] a consultant to our Medical Office, attended. He was fully cleared by Security and brought to the Program by Dr. [ ] personally.

d. We were very glad that [ ] who had attended most of the BOC, decided to remain. 25X1

e. Attached is a detailed breakdown of those in attendance.

2. The 17th CIA Review was conducted on Tuesday afternoon, 31 January 1956. Thirty-three attended and made up the most difficult audience we have had in any of the Review Programs up to the present time. Since they ended up with a spontaneous round of mild applause when none was expected, we hope that some good was accomplished for the Agency in modifying to some degree the attitudes of many of those present. Again, it is consolatory to know that a few of the individuals came to the front of the auditorium to express their gratitude.

3. The official request which came to CIA from the National Security Agency asking for the services of the Chief/OB/BS (this was noted in the Items of Interest for the Period 17-24 January 1956), was responded to in the name of the Director by the AD/OCI, Mr. Huntington Sheldon. Before the letter was released, OCI coordinated its contents with the Chief/OB/BS.

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4. The Chief/OB/BS had a lengthy session with [ ] of the Office of the Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Coordination. [ ] has just returned to the Agency after spending a long sojourn with Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Special Assistant to the President. The discussion covered the National Security Council, Operations Coordinating Board, and other related activities. 25X1

5. a. The Chief/OB/BS presented the second program to the Mid-Career Group of the Department of State on Friday afternoon, 3 February 1956. Twenty were in attendance, including [redacted] As expected, this was a hard audience to soften, and the precedent of the first such group was repeated by this audience in the variety, number, and toughness of inquiries which they propounded.

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b. One of the men made a very positive suggestion that we might give consideration to including Foreign Service wives in our Dependents' Briefing Program so that the ladies of State Department would then do what I said they should, and that is be more sympathetic to those [redacted]

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6. On Monday afternoon, the 12th Dependents' Briefing Program was begun with one of our largest audiences--thirty-three.

7. The Chief/OB/BS discussed briefly with [redacted] the justifiable remuneration for [redacted] in presenting "Life Overseas" alternately at the Defense and State Dependents' Briefing Programs. [redacted] was very sympathetic with the idea and will have [redacted] get in touch with the Chief/OB/BS, since printed forms are already in existence to cover this undertaking.

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8. Upon receipt of official word that the memorandum to the Strategic Intelligence School was signed by the Acting D/TR, we released the letters to the speakers which, in each instance, give them confirmation of their agreement to address the next Class at the SIS.

9. Before the Chief/OB/BS goes to the SIS for his next presentation, he has been informed by Logistics that the new portable visual aid board will be delivered. Upon receipt of the board, much work will have to be done on it to make it fit into our scheme of visual aids.

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Attachment

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